

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Entitled
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Francis Xavier Kay	:	Improvements in or Relating to Valves
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicant has carefully reviewed the final Office Action dated February 6, 2009, relating to the subject patent application and respectfully requests entry of the following claim amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this Amendment.